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Michigan Agency for Energy unveils carbon rule website, kicks off stakeholder engagement process

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Agency for Energy (MAE) today unveiled a new website to help Michiganders participate in efforts to develop Michigan's plan to comply with EPA's carbon rule. This new phase of the stakeholder engagement process gives interested people the ability to give the state meaningful, timely and impactful feedback on Michigan's compliance path.

"The carbon rule website is where people can learn about the state's carbon plan development process, follow the progress of Michigan's plan and become a part of the process," noted Valerie Brader, MAE executive director. "We encourage those who are interested to become involved in one or more of the sectors by signing up on the website. A robust stakeholder engagement process will add immeasurably to the quality of Michigan's plan."

Brader also noted that a government-to-government consultation process is planned with Michigan's tribes.

The <u>Michigan.gov/carbonrule</u> website features background information on the EPA rule, documents, news, and an area to submit comments.

The EPA last year issued its first-ever rule to limit carbon emissions from existing power plants. Michigan on Sept. 1, 2015 <u>announced</u> it would develop its own plan to ensure it retains control of its energy future. An initial plan will be submitted to the EPA by Sept. 6, the deadline to avoid imposition of a federal implementation plan.

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